

Remarks

Claims 1-26 are pending.

Claims 1-26 are subject to a restriction requirement.

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 11-26 are submitted herein for review.

No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has subjected claims 1-26 to a restriction requirement. In particular, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-10 (GROUP I), drawn to a method of positioning a guide channel, are classified in claims 128, subclass 898; and claims 11-26 (GROUP II), drawn to a system for positioning a guide channel, are classified in class 606, subclass 1.


In response, Applicant has selected claims 11-26 (GROUP II), drawn to a system for positioning a guide channel, for further prosecution in this application. Claim 1-10, drawn to a method for positioning a guide channel, have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to continue prosecution of these cancelled claims in a timely filed divisional application.

Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 11-26 are in condition for allowance, the earliest possible notice of which is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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